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**Subject:** FW: La Salle Study Letter  
**Attachments:** DRAFT - Carus Plant Fire Surface Wipes Series 1.docx

Mike, see attached document and e-mail for an update on PR

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**Subject:** RE: La Salle Study Letter

PRELIMINARY DRAFT DISCUSSION

I prepared the attached draft document describing the wipe sample results for the general public. I'd like to either include something about the soil samples or release a separate update. I have separately asked LCHD to look this over but want to put it out there for others to weigh in sooner rather than later. Can we add a photo of the X201 sample location? Would that drive our point home?

I added a few comments directly related to the link Paul Ruesch provided but didn't specifically call out the author or Sierra Club.

Aaron

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**Subject:** [External] RE: La Salle Study Letter

Thanks Brent I think this letter looks good and will help communicate results to the community. It is very unfortunate that the X201 sample data was released apparently without context. I hope this letter addresses that, though it may be too late now that articles have been written and data analyzed. If you have not seen it already, the data is posted online with analysis by an NGO:

# EPA Test Results & Sierra Club analysis of chemical samples

# taken 1/12/23 following the Carus Chemical explosion & fire

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotectstarvedrock.wordpress.com%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2-8bzhM-6mBuhoVexj0YqzLRp1dfbxGPvEMRsV0s0dsblCHghEqAPYfEg&data=05%7C01%7Cruesch.paul%40epa.gov%7Cfb85636a6a814ab1286a08db104d9a75%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C638121697703600202%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C&sdata=8Gd%2BBWPuOmztOy00SrOIN5B%2BRI3FZs6RcbN96dj%2F53U%3D&reserved=0>

I still think that the PIOs from the City, LCHD, IDPH, IEPA and USEPA should get together and discuss some sort of response or outreach to the Sierra Club.

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**Subject:** La Salle Study Letter

Hello all,

Attached is a draft letter that we plan to put online today and deliver to the neighborhood around Porter Ave and Zinc. This is meant to address some issues we've heard thus far. Some we've discussed on our last couple of calls.

Please call to discuss if needed, we do hope to have this finalized quickly so that we may work with a printing company this afternoon to mass produce and deliver tomorrow.

Thank you,

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